

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday November 1

2:00pm **Oh Deer, I'm stuck in a Rut!** That's what the bucks might be saying now! It's that time of year when male white-tailed deer are most active. Find out about their adventures and habits as well as what is going on with does and fawns on this show 'n' tell session in the Nature Center Auditorium. Interpreter Aaron is a true student of deer behavior, counting on that knowledge to fill his freezer and feed his family. Deer season is no rut for him. Join us. AH



Sunday November 2

8:00am **Late Autumn Birding.** Join us out on the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning jaunt up the road and through the marsh and back. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. It's a refreshing way to start your day and before heading home from the weekend.

1:00pm to 3:00pm **Blacksmith Demonstration.** Stop by the Nature Center Front Lawn this afternoon for an ongoing demonstration on the traditional methods of working metal to create the tools and utensils that our early pioneers and settlers needed as they made their homes in our beautiful lake country. SS

Saturday November 8

10:00am **Late Fall in the Wetlands.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. We'll also investigate some of the plant and animal life of these special environments as the leaves fall away and the marsh prepares for winter. FW

3:00pm **Just a Few Furs.** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short “show ‘n’ Tell” type session on a few of the mammals that call Pokagon home. We’ll have some study skins and pelts to get the “real feel” on these critters and learn how these furs are faring for the winter ahead. Join us!



Sunday November 9

8:30am **Waterfowl Watch and Bird Search.** It’s our weekly Sunday morning birding adventure. This morning, we’ll be searching first for recently returning ducks and geese, then heading to the woodlands and marshlands for other late autumn birds. Bring binoculars if you have some, or borrow a pairs of ours, and join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for this 1-½ hour walk. In case of rough weather, we’ll meet inside the sun deck door by the coffee machines. FW

Saturday November 15

Nature Center is open 10am to 5pm today.

Sunday November 16

8:30am **Waterfowl Watch and Bird Search II.** It’s part two of our weekly Sunday morning birding adventure. This morning, we’ll be searching first for recently returning ducks and geese, then heading to the woodlands and marshlands for other late autumn birds. Bring binoculars if you have some, or borrow a pairs of ours, and join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for this 1-½ hour walk. FW

1:00pm to 5:00pm **Deer Data and Reduction Open House.** Monday and Tuesday will be our first of two, 2-day deer hunts to reduce the park’s population. An open house is scheduled for the hunt participants to come in and get information and pick out their spots. The general public is also invited in to ask questions about deer biology and deer management. It all takes place in the Nature Center Auditorium.

Saturday November 22

10:00am **Hell’s Point Bound!** Visit the highest point in the park along with other natural features on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. (Parking is available above the shelter if you’re driving from the Inn). FW

2:00pm **Pine Cone Feeders.** Feed the birds from your tent, camper, or home using this easy to make pine cone feeder. A make-it-take-it program! A fun project for all ages! SS

Sunday November 23

8:30am **Junco Jaunt.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning journey looking for Juncos and other snowbirds and winter wildlife. We’ll be out for about an hour and a half. In case of inclement weather, we’ll meet inside near the coffee machines. We’ll still head outside for fresh air, so bundle up and join us! FW

Friday November 28

3:00pm **Tracks and Scats – what’s left behind!** Be a nature detective as we discuss what Pokagon critters have left behind, both from their feet ... and from their behinds... Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a show and tell and pick and smell program (just kidding on the smell...). It’s great family fun! Join us. SS

Saturday November 29

10:00am **Walk off the Turkey Trek...** on Trail 7! Work off that big Thanksgiving meal by joining the park Interpreter at the Spring Shelter from where we’ll take off for a 1 ½ mile trek, taking us out over Trail 7. We’ll see the beautiful wetlands in the center of these rolling meadows on this extended hike. Water bottle recommended. Parking available above the shelter for those driving from the Inn. AH

2:00pm **Rare and Endangered – Back home again in Indiana.** Stop into the Nature Center Auditorium for a short show and tell session on some of the rare and unique critters of our area and how they were once nearly gone, but now are now present again, if not in good numbers. FW

Sunday November 30

- 8:30am **Fresh Air Jaunt.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning journey looking for winter birds and other wildlife. We'll be out for about an hour and a half. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet inside near the coffee machines. We'll still head outside for fresh air, so bundle up and join us! FW
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**Nature Center Autumn Hours:
Monday-Friday, 1pm to 5pm. Weekends: 10am to 5pm.**



Coming in December Winter and Winter Events!



December 6 – Second Annual Toboggan Time Trials
December 24 – Tenth Annual Christmas Eve Morning Winter Trek
December 29 – 29th Annual Pokagon Christmas Bird Count
December 30th – Bird Banding Demonstration

